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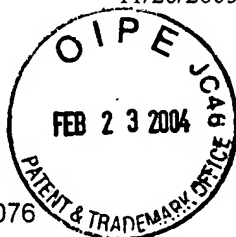


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The reissue specification has not been provided in the form of a copy of the printed patent. Each page should be in double-column format and on only one side of each sheet of paper, as is required by 37 CFR 1.173(a)(1).

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$86 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$151** for a Small Entity

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$86
  - \$86 for 2 independent claims over the original patent.

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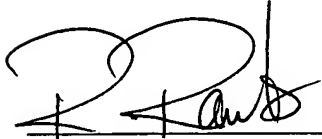
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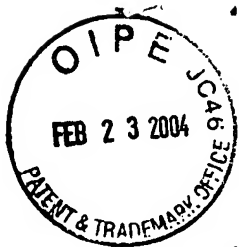
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (Notice), a copy of which is being returned with this Response that is due by March 29, 2004.

In response to the Notice, enclosed herewith is:

1. A copy of the reissue specification, in the form of a copy of the printed patent;
2. A copy of the Reissue Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/50) - which was included with the initial documents filed with this application, and states on page 1 and page 2 that this Applicant claims Small Entity Status;
3. A copy of the REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR (PTO/SB/51), duly executed and also included with the initial documents filed with this application; and
4. A copy of the postcard, stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, showing a filing date of November 20, 2003.

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Office mail in an envelope addressed to the  
Director of Patents and Trademarks, on February 18, 2004.  
Edward M. Pitts

**The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-1650 for the \$86 independent claim fee.**

Since a duly-executed Declaration was filed with the initial application, Applicant is uncertain as to why a late/surcharge for oath/Declaration is being requested.

**However, if a surcharge is still required with the submission of these documents, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-1650 for the filing charges associated with this response.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Feb 18, 2004  
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